

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Virtual Meeting, January 7, 2021

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**MEMBERS**

A M J J A S O N D J F M

Fadi Bahri	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli
Lucy Reinhardt	-	-	A	-	-	-	E	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Diane Perez	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	Commissioner Fors, Jr.
Carolina Estefan-Chahine	-	-	A	-	-	-	P	Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Elizabeth Parnes	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	Commissioner Michael Mena
Susan Rodriguez	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Bonita Norman	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	Board as a Whole

**STAFF:**

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Architect and Board Secretary  
Ayliin Hernandez, Recording Secretary

A = Absent  
E = Excused  
P = Present

**GUESTS:**

Joanne Mathews, Garden Club  
Katy Sobrado, Garden Club

**OPEN MEETING:** The Chair, Elizabeth Parnes, opened the virtual discussion. A quorum was not present. Ms. Parnes, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Bahri, Ms. Bell and Ms. Hernandez were physically present.

**ROYAL POINCIANA FIESTA:** This item was tabled.

**FARMER’S MARKET:** Due to budget cuts the sign was denied. Ms. Parnes will contact Fairchild Botanical Garden to coordinate the Board’s participation in the Million Orchid Project. An inquiry was made on seedling giveaways. Ms. Bell will look into it.

**ARBOR DAY EVENT:** Due to budget cuts the tree plaque was denied. Mr. Bahri will contact the Principal of Sunset Elementary.

**LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS:** The board would like to have the Commission to present the 2020 and 2021 Landscape Awards. A Commission meeting date will be looked into. Each member selected a zone for the 2021 Landscape Award nominations. They will submit their nominations by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:**

**FIVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROJECT:** The Five Neighborhood Parks that were completed in March 2020 have been opened for public use.

LAMAR CURRY PARK – The design is complete and the consultant is currently finalizing construction documents. A presentation of the design will be scheduled after documents are complete and released.

PONCE CIRCLE PARK – The design of the park space and surrounding streetscape is in the concept and design development process. A presentation to the commission and City boards will be coordinated through the City CIP office.

SALVADOR PARK: The existing park is undergoing restoration renovations that include an ADA accessible playground. The design was presented at a community meeting last December, and approved to move forward to the permitting stage.

MAGGIORIE PARK: The design and construction documents are in the final stages. The City CIP office will release the plans, then a presentation of the design will be scheduled for the board.

DOG PARK: Plans were completed by the City. The construction of the park will be coordinated through the City CIP office after the construction is complete at the adjacent development using the space for construction staging.

SEVEN HISTORIC ENTRANCES: New sidewalks and crosswalks have been added at the Granada and Alhambra intersection giving pedestrian access to the newly constructed park at the NE corner of this intersection. This is the last of the 7 entrances to be completed, which should be finished by this Spring.

NORTH PONCE NEIGHBORHOOD: Tabebuia Trees will be planted for shade. Funding is provided by the City Tree Trust Fund.

FIRE STATION #2: Project completed. The landscape maintenance will be performed inhouse.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2021, 8:30 A.M.**  
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